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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Modernizing the E-Rate Program for Schools and Libraries, WC Docket 13-184

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The College Place School District No. 250 is the home to a growing diversely populated District that houses an Elementary School and Middle School of more than 830 students and has been approved to add an emerging High School. Our population includes more than 63% free and reduced students. We are currently rebuilding the Elementary School, remodeling the Middle School and building new facilities for a High School which will begin with students in the fall of 2014. All facilities are being fashioned to meet the needs of the future of technology. The quaint, neighborhood community of College Place is located East of Walla Walla, Washington and home to around 9,000 residents.

This letter offers comments related to the FCC's effort to modernize the E-rate program.

We believe:

- Universal access to broadband is necessary to meet school reform and improvement goals. These goals include the development of K-12 programming able to prepare all students for college and 21st century careers.
- The demand for access to broadband is growing rapidly beyond the ability of schools to provide it, despite the cost advantage possible through the E-rate discount.
- A modernized E-rate program must be less burdensome for schools, and aligned more effectively to current and future K-12 education priorities. There is also a growing need to help schools plan and budget for technology.
- Today's demand for the cost benefit of the E-rate program exceeds available funding. Clearly, the amount of money available for schools must increase to meet state and local needs.

We agree that it is time to modernize the E-rate program and support positive change that benefits K-12 schools. We encourage you to move quickly as you complete your deliberations.

If you have any further questions about our district, please do not hesitate to contact me at 509-525-4827.

Sincerely,

Julie James
Business Manager

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Board Members: Doug Case, Brian Maiden, Marci Knauff, Troy Fitzgerald, Susan Moulton

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